

**DEAR PARTICIPANT:**

Thank you for your willingness to participate in this survey on inequalities and efforts to improve them. In September 2015, the United Nations unanimously agreed on 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including one on reducing inequalities within and between countries (SDG 10). We invite you to help us get a better understanding of inequalities at the local level by sharing information about your community. We also ask about efforts by governments and NGOs to reduce these inequalities.

**SURVEY PURPOSE**

The Grassroots Task Force of the NGO Committee on Social Development works to bring voices from local communities to the United Nations, including voices of the most marginalized. We will use the information from the survey to help us advocate at the UN and with countries to effectively implement the Sustainable Development Goals in keeping with human rights.

**WHAT ARE INEQUALITIES?**

In many communities, there are some *individuals* who are doing well; they have enough income, safe housing, clean drinking water, access to health care and education, and can freely participate in community activities. Other *individuals* may suffer from poverty; lack of jobs; discrimination; poor access to health care, education and adequate affordable housing; and may be excluded from social and political activities. Some *groups* may also experience discrimination on the basis of caste, race, gender, ethnicity, geographical regions, sexual orientation, etc.

**SURVEY DESIGNED FOR GRASSROOTS**

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This survey is designed for grassroots community organizations and individuals in grassroots communities. Even if it is being answered by one of the organization’s staff working in the community, our hope is that you will take a short time to share this questionnaire as far as possible with affected persons/groups and ensure their participation through individual interviews or small focus group discussions.

There are two options in completing the survey:

**Preferred option:** Complete the survey on Survey Monkey in your language at the link here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7R2Q68G>

**Second option:** You can save the document to your computer, complete it, and return it by email as an attachment, to this email address: csocdsurvey@gmail.com

We are most grateful for your time and attention to this survey.

The NGO Committee on Social Development Grass Roots Task Force.

# **GRASS ROOTS SURVEY, 2019**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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Name of Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Do you live in a city, town, or rural are?

City\_\_\_\_\_\_ Town\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Rural Area\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the name of your city/town/rural area below.

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Country: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Male\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Female\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Website address for your organization:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If you work with a specific program, please name your program here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Title of Your Position: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your program here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What groups does your organization work with? (Please tick all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_\_women \_\_\_\_\_\_LGBT persons \_\_\_\_\_\_ethnic minorities

\_\_\_\_\_\_men \_\_\_\_\_\_migrants \_\_\_\_\_\_religious minorities

\_\_\_\_\_\_children \_\_\_\_\_\_refugees \_\_\_\_\_\_Other (please specify)

\_\_\_\_\_\_youth \_\_\_\_\_\_persons with disabilities \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_elder persons \_\_\_\_\_\_persons without homes

\_\_\_\_\_\_persons in poverty \_\_\_\_\_\_persons without jobs

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. A. What inequalities do you see in the local area/community in which your organization works? *(Examples: wealth/income/opportunities/access to health care, etc.)*

B. Which are those specific groups of persons in your local area/community experiencing adverse effects of inequalities? (*Please tick those which apply*)

\_\_\_\_\_Children \_\_\_\_\_Ethnic Minorities

\_\_\_\_\_Youth \_\_\_\_\_Religious Minorities

\_\_\_\_\_Women \_\_\_\_\_Migrants

\_\_\_\_\_Elder persons \_\_\_\_\_Refugees

\_\_\_\_\_Persons with disabilities \_\_\_\_\_Other (*Please specify*)

\_\_\_\_\_LGBT Persons \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_Racial minorities \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

C. i. Of the above groups, who suffers most?

 ii. Why do they suffer?

1. A. How have conditions related to inequalities changed since the Sustainable Development Goals were adopted in 2015. (*Please tick one*)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_They have *improved*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_They have *worsened*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_They have stayed the same

B. What areas of life have improved or worsened for people who are most disadvantaged in your local areas/community?

1. A. Are there programs started BEFORE 2015 that help to reduce inequality in your local area/community?

Yes\_\_\_\_\_\_

No\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

B. If yes, what is the name of the program?

C. What year was the program started?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

D. Was the program initiated by the government or an NGO?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Government

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_NGO

E. Is the program effective or ineffective?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Effective

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Ineffective

F. Please state the reasons it is either effective or ineffective.

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G. Are there programs started AFTER 2015 that help to reduce inequality in y our local area/community?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_No

H. If yes, what is the name of the program?

I. What year was the program started?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

J. Was the program initiated by the government or an NGO?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Government

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_NGO

E. Is the program effective or ineffective?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Effective

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Ineffective

F. Please state the reasons it is either effective or ineffective.

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1. A. Is there government policy/law/legislation which has taken effect since 2015 and which aims to reduce inequality? (*Please tick one*)

\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes

\_\_\_\_\_\_No

\_\_\_\_\_\_Unsure

B. If yes, please tell us about the policy, law, or legislation (*Its name, the action it calls for*)

C. i. Do you think the policy or legislation is effective in reducing inequality?

\_\_\_\_\_Yes

\_\_\_\_\_No

ii. If yes, why?

iii. If no, why not?

1. A. What changes have you seen since 2015 in the status of services or access to necessities in your area/community related to the following areas? (*Please tick one*)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| CATEGORY | IT HAS IMPROVED | IT HAS STAYED THE SAME | IT HAS BECOME WORSE |
| Education (*access to education, quality of education, affordability of education*) |  |  |  |
| Child health care(*access to health care; quality of health care; affordability of health care*) |  |  |  |
| Maternal health care (*access to health care; quality of health care; affordability of health care*) |  |  |  |
| Housing (access to housing, quality of housing; affordability of housing) |  |  |  |
| Jobs (*access to training for jobs; ability to locate decent jobs*) |  |  |  |
| Income (*the ability to earn enough for necessities*) |  |  |  |
| Access to decent water and sanitation |  |  |  |
| Access to modern energy for cooking; lighting; and heating (*e.g. electricity/solar*) |  |  |  |

B. If you wish, please comment on any of the above. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. A. What changes have you seen since 2015 in people’s ability to participate in the following areas of life in your area/community?(Please tick one)

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| CATEGORY | IT HAS IMPROVED | IT HAS STAYED THE SAME | IT HAS WORSENED |
| POLITICAL LIFE (*the ability to participate in local decision-making and political activities*) |  |  |  |
| SOCIAL LIFE (*All persons are able to participate in civic, social, and cultural activities irrespective of their social status*) |  |  |  |
| ECONOMIC LIFE (*All persons have access to appropriate job training, employment, decent wages, loans, and microfinancing*) |  |  |  |

B. If one or more of the above has changed, please explain how it has changed:

C. Are there people who are not included in social, political, or economic life?

 \_\_\_\_\_Yes

 \_\_\_\_\_No

D. If you responded “yes,” please indicate who such people/groups include:

E. What are good practices in your area/community which help all people to be included in social, political, and economic life?

1. A. Have there been any conflicts, political violence, or natural disasters in your area/community since 2015? (Please tick all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_No

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes, Conflict

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes, Political violence

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes, Natural Disaster (Please name the type of disaster)

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B. If yes, who is most affected or disadvantaged when natural disasters, conflict, or violence occur?

C. Why do you think that particular group is most affected?

D. What could be done to change this?

1. Please feel free to make any other comments about inequalities which you observe in your country or area/community

**Thank you for helping us by taking the survey.**

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